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Get Away in Your Own Backyard *Special Winter Rates and Gift Certificates at Tennessee State Parks: A Perfect Combination*

NASHVILLE - Tennessee State Parks are now offering special rates for 360 villas and cabins and at all six inns during the winter months. From Dec. 1, 2008 through Feb. 28, 2009, state park lodging will be discounted with the presentation of a winter discount coupon. Combine a Tennessee State Parks gift certificate - on sale now in select state parks - and you have the perfect gift for friends and family this giving season.

With a Tennessee State Parks special winter discount coupon, park visitors can stay at one of Tennessee's six state park inns for \$45.95 a night (excludes appropriate taxes and no other discounts may be applied). The offer is good seven days a week during the promotion. Groups who book their meetings and stay between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28, may also take advantage of this discount. There also is a 50 percent discount for cabins - good Sunday through Thursday - with a two-night minimum stay.

Guests must present a coupon upon check-in to receive the discount. Reservations are not required, but are recommended to ensure availability. Holidays are not included and certain other restrictions may apply. To receive a coupon by mail, call the Tennessee State Parks information line at (615) 532-0001 or toll free at (888) 867-2757. Coupons may also be printed from our Web site at www.tnstateparks.com.

State parks with inns and/or cabins participating in the Winter Discount Promotion are:

<u>Park</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Cedars of Lebanon	Wilson	(800) 713-5180
Chickasaw	Henderson	(800) 458-1752
Cumberland Mountain	Cumberland	(800) 250-8618
Edgar Evins	DeKalb	(800) 250-8619
Fall Creek Falls	Van Buren	(888) 867-2757
Henry Horton	Marshall	(888) 867-2757
Meeman-Shelby Forest	Shelby	(800) 471-5293
Montgomery Bell	Dickson	(888) 867-2757
Natchez Trace	Carroll	(888) 867-2757
Nathan Bedford Forrest	Benton	(800) 714-7305
Norris Dam	Campbell	(800) 543-9335
Paris Landing	Henry	(888) 867-2757
Pickett	Pickett	(877) 260-0010
Pickwick Landing	Hardin	(888) 867-2757
Roan Mountain	Carter	(800) 250-8620
Rock Island	White	(800) 713-6065
Standing Stone	Overton	(800) 713-5157
Tims Ford	Franklin	(800) 471-5295

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With a Tennessee State Parks gift certificate, you can treat friends and family to a meal, something from the gift shops, a night's stay in an inn, cabin or villa, a campsite, or even to a round of golf. Gift certificates may be redeemed at any state park and can be purchased at the following select locations:

- Fall Creek Falls Inn and Conference Center
- Henry Horton Inn and Conference Center
- Montgomery Bell Inn and Conference Center
- Natchez Trace Inn and Conference Center
- Paris Landing Inn and Conference Center
- Pickwick Landing Inn and Conference Center

The maximum limit for gift certificates is \$250 for one gift certificate, with a minimum amount of \$10. When redeemed, less than 25 percent of the gift certificate can be refunded in cash.

There is a state park within an hour's drive from anywhere in Tennessee. Tennessee State Parks offer a wide range of recreational and natural opportunities for individuals, families and groups. For more information, visit www.tnstateparks.com.

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